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SUBJECT: CANADIAN INTEREST IN AMENDING NEW PROTOCOL
TO FLORENCE AGREEMENT

REFS: (A) STATE 054393; (B) PARIS 05776

1. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO UNESCO (GAGNON) TOLD
DELOFF MARCH 8 IN RESPONSE REFTEL A THAT CANADIANS
NOW SECURING AGREEMENT OF ALL CANADIAN PROVINCIAL
LEGISLATURES PRIOR TO UNDERTAKING--PROBABLY "WITHIN
NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS"--NECESSARY FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE
ACTION FOR CANADA TO BECOME SIGNATORY TO FLORENCE
AGREEMENT.

2. AT UPCOMING UNESCO MEETING CANADIANS SEEKING TO
HAVE EITHER FRG OR SWITZERLAND OR SWEDEN--ALL OF WHICH
HAVE REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED AGREEMENT HERE WITH GOC IN
INFORMAL CONTACTS--INTRODUCE AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD
MAKE AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBER STATES THE CURRENT
RESERVATION ACCORDED ONLY TO U.S. AND OTHER
SIGNATORIES ON BILATERAL BASIS. CANADIANS ANTICIPATE
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THAT LDC'S WILL IN ANY CASE SEEK TO INCLUDE SIMILAR

AMENDMENT. HOWEVER, CANADIANS HERE DO NOT HAVE SPECIFIC DRAFT LANGUAGE THAT GOC HAS IN MIND NOR IS EXACT MOTIVATION OF GOC KNOWN. NEVERTHELESS WE WOULD ASSUME THAT PROTECTIONIST CONCERNS ARE A FUNDAMENTAL FACTOR.

3. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR PROMISED DELOFF TO PROVIDE WHATEVER EXPLICIT DRAFT LANGUAGE OTTAWA MAY SEND TO THEIR PERMDEL HERE.

4. COMMENT: PERMDEL BELIEVES THAT CONTACTS WITH GOC IN OTTAWA LIKELY TO BE SUREST MEANS OF OBTAINING DETAILED INFORMATION ON CANADIAN OBJECTIVES ON FLORENCE AGREEMENT.
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